

# INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT TASK     **January 30, 2001** FORCE MINUTES

**Attendees:** Cliff Larrabee, Janette Wackerly, David Nevins, James Ridenour, Loren Johnson, MD, Charles Rath, MD, Pam Griffith, RN, Susan Maddox, Ray Ramirez, Julie Reisetter, RN, Ruben Grijalva, Dan Lindsey, Kevin White, Art Lathrop, Nancy LaPolla, Ray Navarro, William Cody, Diana Ashley, Lori Mclean, Virginia Hastings, Leonard Inch, Dan Burch, Jim McPherson, Judith Brill, MD, Jan Ogar, RN, Deidre Duhart, Kym Mitchell, Mary Davis, Bob Eisenman, Ph.D., Scott Wallace, RN, Dean Cathey, Thom Page, Tim Bonifay, Nancy Steiner, Maureen McNeil, Sean Trask, Bonnie Sinz, RN, Richard Watson, Dan Smiley, Michele Handiwith

## Welcome and Introductions

**Discussion:** All present introduced themselves and stated what constituent group they represented. Alternates were identified. Richard Watson welcomed the members and gave a brief overview of how the IFT Task Force was created.

## Approval of Agenda

**Discussion:** The agenda was reviewed with suggestions for additions.

**Action items:** The following discussion items were added to the agenda:

- Federal legislation that affects the IFT process, i.e. EMTALA
- Current IFT process used, success/problems
- HCFA Ambulance Fee Schedule affects on IFT process

## Current IFT Statute/Regulations

**Discussion:** Bonnie reviewed the handout showing Health & Safety Code 2.5 and Title 22 references to IFT.

**Conclusions:** Additional statute/regulations and other documents related to IFT were discussed:

- Health & Safety Code 1371.4
- Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)
- Title 22
- HCFA Ambulance Fee Schedule w/select correspondence and legal opinions
- Case Law
- Local EMSA ambulance ordinances/policies/counsel opinions
- Other State's regulations
- Literature search

**Current IFT Statute/Regulations (continued)**

**Action items:** Review the following documents for IFT related issues and provide to Bonnie for distribution:

- Health & Safety Code 1371.4
- Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)
- Title 22
- Other State's regulations
- Case Law

**Person responsible:**

Bonnie

**Deadline:**

March 5, 2001  
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May 5, 2001  
May 5, 2001

- HCFA Ambulance Fee Schedule w/select correspondence and legal opinions

Scott Wallace

March 5, 2001

- Local EMSA ambulance ordinances/policies/counsel opinions

Art Lathrop  
Nancy LaPolla  
Virginia Hastings  
Leonard Inch  
Dan Burch  
Jim McPherson

March 5, 2001

- Literature search

Jan Ogar

May 5, 2001

- Sample contracts

Leonard Inch – S-SV EMS  
Bob Eisenman – Kaiser  
James Ridenour – AMR

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- California Medical Association “White Paper”

Bonnie

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- On-Call Crisis Paper from Los Angeles

Virginia Hastings

March 5, 2001

- Trauma Funding Grant “White Paper”

Bonnie

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- 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Opinion on diversions

Bonnie

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- OIG opinion on EMTALA and non-emergency services

James Ridenour

March 5, 2001

**IFT Process Discussion**

**Discussion:** Open discussion by all present regarding current problems associated with the IFT process.

**Conclusions:** See “IFT Issues” attachment.

**Action items:**

Members to review attached “IFT Issues” prior to next meeting for completeness (based on meeting discussion) and submit additions/changes to Bonnie.

**Person responsible:**

Task Force Members

**Deadline:**

March 5, 2001

Plan to use “IFT Issues” sheet when developing objectives and action steps.

Task Force Members

March 20, 2001  
meeting

## Mission Statement/Objective Development

**Discussion:** Members created draft Mission Statement and Objective list. See attached "Mission Statement/Objectives".

**Conclusions:** After a lengthy session drafting objectives, members were concerned that the objectives listed were too detailed and that we needed to narrow our focus to the "basics".

**Action items:** Take drafted objectives and consolidate where possible and categorize into basic goals. Provide revised objectives to Task Force for review prior to the next meeting.

**Person responsible:**

Bonnie

**Deadline:**

March 1, 2001

## Roundtable

**Discussion:** Each member present was asked to provide the group feedback on the first meeting.

**Conclusions:** Many of the members agreed that we should keep our focus on the "basics." While there are many aspects to the IFT issue, a few basic goals that are obtainable should be identified and prioritized. Taking a step-by-step approach will make this overwhelming task manageable. All agreed to "remember the patient."

**Action items:**

Create listserve for communication between all members.

Create an IFT category within the EMSA website.

**Person responsible:**

Bonnie/EMSA IT staff

March 20, 2001

**Deadline:**

February 2, 2001

March 20, 2001

## Next Meeting Date/Location

**Discussion:** The members agreed that due to the large membership, a location that can better accommodate our numbers should be found for future meetings. The frequency of the meetings will be approximately 6 weeks – 2 months.

**Conclusions:** NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 20, 2001 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location in the South to be determined.